23. Lalitpur
24. Maharajganj
25. Mahoba
26. Mirzapur
27. Pratapgrah
28. Raebareli
29. Sant Kabir Nagar
30. Shravasti
31. Siddharthanagar
32. Sitapur
33. Sonebhadra
34. Unnao

Computerisation of Panchayats

3318. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to provide adequate funds for computerisation of panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the strategic importance of computerisation at the Gram Panchayat level, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj had constituted an Expert Group in June, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Director General, National Informatics Centre to assess the current and future Information Technology (IT) programmes of the Ministry, to recommend on the most cost-effective technologies for reaching IT to the Gram Panchayats, the use of IT for effectively building capacities of Panchayati Raj Institutions through distance learning, and cost implications of the recommendations. The Expert Group has estimated the project cost to the tune of Rs. 6700 crores and a time-line of three years. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is in the process of finalizing the scheme for the approval of Government. The actual cost of the project will be known once the scheme is finalized and approved.

Necessity of sanction to continue departmental enquiry

†3319. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has held that sanction of Governor is not necessary to continue departmental enquiry against public servant;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which are pending due to the sanction not accorded by the Governor, State-wise; and

(c) the details of proceedings of departmental enquiry against Central Government and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State Government's public servant during last three years including current session, State-wise, department-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No such order of the Supreme Court has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The Department-wise details of departmental inquiry against officers and other employees during the last 3 years are given in the attached Statement (*See* below). As regards State-wise details of proceedings of departmental inquiry against State Government public servants, the requisite information is not centrally maintained.

Statement

Department-wise details of Departmental Inquires against officers and employees during the last three years

Sl. No.	Department/Sector	Total number of cases		
		2004	2005	2006
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Agriculture	2	4	—
2.	Atomic Energy	12	93	42
3.	Chemical & Petrochemicals	1	1	35
4.	Civil Aviation	40	90	120
5.	Coal	96	314	267
6.	Commerce	105	57	33
7.	Defence	86	236	417
8.	Environment & Forest	—	2	—
9.	Fertilizers	54	21	146
10.	Finance	1152	351	27
11.	Food & Consumer Affairs	714	927	918
12.	Government of NCT Delhi	1768	1844	196
13.	Health & Family Welfare	1	185	5
14.	Heavy Industry	62	35	78
15.	Human Resource Development	1	64	64
16.	Information & Broadcasting	—	36	—
17.	Insurance	1074	511	659
18.	Labour	6	859	748
19.	Ministry of Home Affairs	56	328	11
20.	Ministry of Industrial Development	0	—	5
21.	Mines	22	8	7

1	2	3	4	5
22.	Non-Conventional Energy Sources	—	—	0
23.	Petroleum	285	364	475
24.	Power	78	61	81
25.	President's Secretariat	—	—	1
26.	Public Sector Banks	3685	3605	4303
27.	Railways	2575	2469	2549
28.	Rural Development	2	1	—
29.	Science & Technology	1	160	0
30.	Social Justice & Empowerment	—	—	0
31.	Steel	140	79	114
32.	Surface Transport	121	139	127
33.	Telecommunications	191	259	521
34.	Textiles	27	—	—
35.	Tourism	39	4	56
36.	Union Territory	—	21	—
37.	Urban Affairs	215	165	86
38.	Water Resources	4	9	5
	TOTAL	12615	13302	12096

NOTE: The data is based on Annual Report submitted by the CVOs to the Central Vigilance Commission.

ARC reports on OBCs

3320. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Administrative Reforms Commission has recently presented a report which seeks to treat OBC at par with SCs, STs in terms of welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its 7th Report titled "Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution—Friection to Fusion" has, *inter-alia,* recommended that the Government needs to formulate and implement a comprehensive scheme for capacity building of OBCs that would bring them at par with the rest of society. The Reports is available at *http://arc.gov in.* Copies of the report have also been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) The recommendations contained in the report are being processed for consideration and acceptance by the Government.